

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

January 10th 2020

Prelude: Moderato, Joseph Haydn

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

❖ Hymn 139

1. Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
2. Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance he has made.
3. Praise the Lord for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
4. Praise the god of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Lauds and magnify his name.

❖ Prayers of approach (ending with the Lord's prayer)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ Children's address

❖ **Holy Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5**

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Music: *Clair de Lune*, Claude Debussy

❖ **Sermon**

Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 135**

1. O laughing light, O Christ-born of creation,
Radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed:
You shine upon us.
2. Day's light is fleeting, yours is light eternal;
We look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit.
You shine before us.
3. Light of the world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you.
Giver of life and child of God, we praise you.
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!
You shine among us.

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Music:** *Le Noel Des Oiseaux*, Cécile Chaminade

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

Creator God,
maker of all things in heaven and on earth,
we give thanks for every blessing life brings.
**In gratitude we offer back to you
our time, our talents, our gifts,
that they may be used
in the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

❖ **Hymn 456**

1. Christ is the world's true light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar clear and bright
Of every race and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where people own his sway;
From bondage freedom breaks,
And night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole rounbd world complete,
From sunrise to sunseting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
We shall forsaek our fear,
To ploghshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name
Unite us all who own you;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
Come, heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign. Amen.

❖ **Sending out** with **blessing** *(followed by sung Amen)*

Postlude: Andante, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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*Our guest organist is Gert-Jan Mostert. Our guest musicians are
Jeanine van Amsterdam and Giles Francis (violins),
Odile Torenbeek (viola) and Douw Fonda (cello).
Holy Scripture is read by Peggy Krol; prayers of intercession are
led by Ingrid Sorensen.*



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